

As both an XM listener and a radio listener, I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. I feel that XM's traffic and weather reports are much more current than any of the terrestrial radio stations because they have dedicated traffic channels. Because they don't have to fit the reports into a stale, canned radio format, you get, and can act on your information promptly. Is a group-owned radio station that get's it's programming from a central studio facility that simulcasts to dozens of other stations really local? Is that operating in "the public service, interest and necessity"?

Commercial Low Power FM would have been truly local, but it was squashed a few years ago.

XM satellite radio DOES serve the public by providing high quality programming and timely traffic reports. The proof of that is that I like it so much, I am willing to pay for it and I am a very frugal guy.